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Household Goods

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SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915

At 2 p. m.

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| 1 Dining set | 1 Royal Wilton rug |
| 1 Spanish leather davenport | 2 Rockers |
| 1 Imported wicker porch set | 1 Sewing machine |
| 1 Quick meal oil stove | 1 Set dining room chairs |
| 2 Bedroom suits | Quantity of bedding, dishes, kitchen |
| 1 Oak library table | utensils, lawn mower and other articles |
| 1 Body Brussels rug | too numerous to mention. |



TERMS CASH
C. R. MESSINGER
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J. D. HELMAN
Auctioneer

Elaborate Chinese Funerals.
Funerals in China are most elaborate, no expense being spared to give the departed a grand send-off, no matter what his station in life. Indeed, bankruptcy, owing to the lavishness of a burial ceremony, is no uncommon thing. The never-ending train of ceremonials that follows the demise of a near relative is apt, in many instances, to take not only all their wealth, but for 100 days after the demise an altar is maintained in the home of the surviving relatives, before which they bow and weep, not once, but often daily. Relatives are gathered from far and near and quartered on the already afflicted family. Priests are retained for many days to aid in the ceremonials.

An Englishwoman "Soldier."
The most famous Englishwoman "soldier" was Dr. James Barry, who joined the medical corps in 1813 and served at Waterloo and in Crimea. In 1858, after many promotions, she became inspector general, and it was not until many years later that the fact that she was a woman was discovered.

Real Lords of the Earth.
He who is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, and whose spirit is entering into living places. And the men who have this life in them are the true lords and kings of the earth—they and they only.—John Ruskin.

Napoleon Near Capture.

After the passage of the Mincio (at Valeggio) Napoleon, having converted all his plans and pursued the enemy in every direction, entered a castle on the left bank of the river. He was troubled with a headache and used a foot bath. A large detachment of the enemy, in great confusion, arrived, having ascended the river as far as the castle. Napoleon was there and only a few persons were with him; the sentinel on duty at the gate had just time to close it, exclaiming, "To arms!" and the general of the army of Italy, in the hour of victory, was compelled to escape through the back gate of the gardens with but one boot on!—"The Napoleon Anecdotes," W. H. Ireland.

The First Telephone.

Robert Hooke, in 1667, conveyed sound to a distance by distended wire; and between Hooke's time and that of Ellisha Gray considerable progress was made in the direction of the telephone; but it appears that the first real telephone was given to the world by Alexander Graham Bell, about 1877.

Insect Pest Causes Heavy Loss.

It is reported that the blowfly causes an annual loss of more than 1,000,000 sheep in Australia. Victoria has not yet seriously suffered from this pest, owing, no doubt, to the compulsory dipping of all sheep, and to the starlings, which are here found in large numbers.

Egypt and Egyptians.

Egypt—"the country like no other"—is notable for stately women and dirty-looking children. In the fashionable parts one may still see the well-groomed mother followed by her apologetically neglected offspring, often perfect latherdemalions. By making them outwardly unattractive, so as to excite neither admiration nor envy, the Egyptian mother hopes to protect her little ones from the malign influence of the "evil eye." Boys are said to arouse more envy than girls, and for that reason are often disguised in their sisters' garments. And when the influence of evil spirits is suspected the mother fumigates her child with the ashes of alum and salt.

Botanical Divisions.

A teacher in a Woodland avenue school asked the other day: "How many kinds of flowers are there?" Three pupils held up their hands. She chose one to reply. "Well, is there how many kinds of flowers are there?" "Three, teacher." "Indeed? And what are they?" "Wild, tame and collie."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Farm Work a Lasting Joy.

Approached from the point of view of science, the labor of the farm is a continued joy. It is a manipulation of the machinery which the real chemist does not neglect to a helper, it is the touching of a canvas by an artist's brush which cannot be left to an amateur.—From Dr. Harvey W. Wiley's "The Lure of the Land."

County Correspondence

ITHACA

Miss Mabel Whiton, who has spent the past year at Ferris Institute, has returned to Ithaca.

Joe Foster and wife are spending a fortnight near Muskegon on a fishing trip.

Jas. Gibbs of Saginaw was in town last week.

Miss Geraldine Price has returned from a visit with her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Price, of Cadillac.

Mrs. O. A. Heath has returned from St. Louis where she has been receiving treatment at the Park House, recent.

Mrs. Henry Dodge entertained her Division of the M. E. ladies aid society Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Crandell spent the week end at home.

Mrs. J. L. Potts was in Mt. Pleasant the first of the week.

Miss Laura Hard, who has been staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Foust, during the latter's illness, has returned to Big Rapids.

Mrs. L. B. Crandell, who fell on the kitchen floor last week and broke her hip, is recovering nicely. Her daughter, Mrs. Belle Yager, of Grand Rapids, spent the past few days at home.

Mrs. J. L. Dingwell and daughter Margaret have returned from a visit at Corvallis with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley.

Henry Read is occupying the I. G. Altenburg residence on south Jefferson st., while he is building his own house.

Miss Edna Stanton, who has spent several months with her brother, O. L. Smith, has returned to Battle Creek.

Little Lucile Crites is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. Kashiener delightfully entertained the Ladies of the Macabees at 6 o'clock dinner, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fred Wolf of North Star spent Tuesday in Ithaca.

Hugh Bates and Fred Drayer are at Houghton Lake this week putting up a summer cottage.

Mrs. Ruby Roberts entertained the O. B. C. Club at her home in Arcadia Wednesday evening last.

Verne Eyer of North Star was in Ithaca, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Nelson of Ashley were Ithaca visitors, Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Townsend, who is in Ann Arbor receiving treatment, is but little improved in health.

Miss Helen M. Howard, formerly of Ithaca, gave a post graduate recital at the Woodward Ave. Presbyterian church in Detroit, Tuesday evening.

A. L. Beebe of Chicago visited with his brother, Rev. C. L. Beebe and family, Friday last.

When Ed Jenner attempted to cross the Ann Arbor tracks west of the depot at Ithaca, Sunday evening, he did not hear the motor car coming along but just as he came to the rails he saw the car, and in order to avoid a bad accident, turned his car, which was a large Chalmers, quickly into the ditch. The axle and windshield were quite badly smashed up but the occupants of the car were unharmed.

Mrs. Fred Pepke of North Star was in Ithaca, Thursday.

Mrs. Eunice Shrodes, who has been nursing the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walls in North Star township, has returned home.

Mrs. Geo. Spooner of North Star spent Thursday at Ithaca.

Mrs. Warren Dilleworth of North Star was an Ithaca visitor, Thursday.

Mrs. Henry Boss of North Star was an Ithaca visitor, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Adamek of North Star visited with Ithaca relatives last week.

SUMMERTON

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Richardson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Stalter of Shepherd, Sunday.

Thos. Gallagher visited in Alma and Elwell, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moegenborg are the proud parents of a baby boy, born April 30th.

Miss Vera Thomas returned Wednesday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Ray Crawford in Lansing.

Mrs. Sam Cline visited Mrs. Emily Conley in Alma, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Hook is on the sick list. Mesdames, Henry Yeastings and Scott Cochrane of St. Louis, visited with Mrs. Thomas Ingraham, one day last week.

Mrs. Alfred Dorman who is staying with her mother, Mrs. Thos. Ingraham, went to Bowling for a few days visit, last week.

Artie Conley and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Conley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shong of Alma. It was Mr. and Mrs. Shong's wedding anniversary.

DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Ernest Baxter of Lansing visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Baxter, last week.

The neighbors of Nelson Husted gave him a "bee" one day last week and sowed his oats. Mr. Husted has been ill for some time with serious eye trouble.

Mrs. Mary Hanford has returned home from spending the winter with her daughter in Ohio.

Mrs. Alice Parker of Alma, spent the latter part of the week with her daughter, Mrs. Rowland Saxton.

Seymour Husted accompanied his daughter Hattie, to Detroit last week. Miss Hattie will consult a specialist concerning her eyes.

C. Curtis and mother entertained Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Beck of Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McPhaul, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hibner and Mr. and Mrs. James McFaul, Sunday.

SOUTH EAST COE

Mrs. Angie Reice of Shepherd has been at the home of her parents the past week caring for her mother who has been very sick.

Will Johnson sold his auto and is now driving a new Ford auto.

Alva Hopkins came home from Durand, Saturday. He works for the Union Telephone Co. and will go to Shepherd this week to work on the lines.

Frank Randolph and wife called on Carl Gallagher, Sunday morning.

Roy Bayless, Clara Stahl, Vestis Leonard and Quinley Peters, attended church in St. Louis, Sunday morning.

Whole Family Dependent.
Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio, writes: "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey. Maybe some one in your family has a severe cold—perhaps it is the baby. The original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is an ever ready household remedy—it gives immediate relief. Pine-Tar-Honey penetrates the linings of the Throat and Lungs, destroys the Germs, and allows nature to act. At your Druggist, 25c."

Scientific Farming

GRAVE PERIL TO ALFALFA.

Weevil From Europe Threatens Crop. Close Watch Advised.

Alfalfa growers everywhere should be on the lookout for the alfalfa weevil, which was introduced into Utah several years ago from Europe and is doing much damage there and has spread over into Idaho.

There is no reason to doubt that it would spread and multiply in the states further east if it were once introduced.

This is an impending calamity to the whole country. By keeping watch we may be able to call its appearance to the attention of our experiment stations and the United States department of agriculture, so that war may be waged on the pest in time.

The alfalfa weevil is a small beetle about the size of a grain of wheat. The mature bugs eat holes in the



ALFALFA WEEVIL IN FLOURISHING CONDITION.

Alfalfa leaves and lay eggs in the holes. The eggs are of a lemon yellow color. They hatch out into grubs which are greenish in color, with a white line along the back, and of course are rather small, and the offspring of a beetle no larger than a wheat grain.

The grubs feed on the alfalfa leaves and sometimes destroy them completely.

No more serious danger confronts the agriculture of the country than is found in the possibility of the spread of this little bug into the states east of the Rocky mountains.

Inspect your alfalfa plants for the little holes close to a bud. If they are made by a little grub send one specimen to the entomologist at your experiment station and another to the bureau of plant industry at Washington, and write a letter to go with each specimen, telling the story of your find.

Professor Gillette of the Colorado station advises farmers not to receive shipments of bulky merchandise like potatoes, fruit or nursery stock from those regions of Utah or Idaho where this insect occurs, unless the goods have been thoroughly disinfected. It would seem the part of wisdom for the government to adopt preventive measures.

Alfalfa For Hogs.

There is really no more profitable pasture for hogs than alfalfa. It should not be stocked too heavily in pasturing, the surplus growth being mowed whenever it needs it. Good hay results from that portion which the hogs do not eat, and the new that comes up is fresh and well liked by the hogs. It is not mowed swine are apt to eat it in patches, killing parts altogether.

Weight of Peking Ducks.

Peking ducks should weigh more than five pounds. The standard weight of the duck is seven pounds and that of the drake eight. They are creamy white, with bright orange colored beaks and legs. A well bred, well cared for Peking duckling should weigh five pounds at ten weeks of age.

THE PROFITABLE CAPON.

The best capons are hatched in early spring and overwintered during early summer, before extremely hot weather begins, says the Country Gentleman.

The birds are then ready for market during and after the holiday season. Cockerels of any breed can be made to increase in weight by being caponized. The larger breeds will permit of much greater gains and are therefore more desirable. For the production of capons on the farm the Plymouth Rocks are among the best fowls to keep, since the females may be kept for eggs and all surplus cockerels caponized.

June and July are the best months for the work, because spring hatched chicks reach proper size then and also because birds caponized at this time arrive at the proper age and weight for marketing at the season when there is the greatest demand and the best prices prevail.

Individuality.

We hear much about the development of individuality for a go-as-you-please experience. That is fatal doctrine. It takes right conditions to develop a right individuality. As a rule, man is the creature of circumstances. If he comes out of a swamp he will be covered with mud. The entire doctrine is developed by the parable of the sower. It depends altogether upon where the seed falls whether it shall bear fruit or not.—Columbus (Ohio) Journal.

GARDENING NOTES.

Plant at least a few onion sets in the open ground just as soon as the soil can be prepared. Early planting is favorable to early maturity and high yields.

It is possible to grow strong rhubarb roots for forcing purposes in one year. The two essentials are early planting under glass and very rich soil when they are planted out of doors.

Witloof or French endive is easily forced in the cellar near the furnace. Sow seed in the open ground to produce roots for forcing next winter.

Why not grow some strong asparagus roots this summer for your own use and a surplus to sell to your neighbors?

The early, smooth peas may be planted just as soon as the frost is out of the ground. See that some rotten manure is worked into the furrows.

BARRENESS IN CORN.

Various Reasons Other Than Heredity Given For Loss of Yield.

Many of our corn breeders treat barrenness in corn as hereditary. However, I have noticed that if corn is planted properly, not too thick, on well prepared fertile soil and given good cultivation there are as a rule very few barren stalks, says a correspondent of the American Agriculturist.

On the other hand if the corn is planted too thick and the grass and weeds allowed to grow with the corn there are more barren stalks in the same variety than in such corn if well cared for.

If the barrenness has any hereditary tendency at all in corn it may be largely overcome by good soil preparation, careful planting and good cultivation. I would rather risk going to the corncrib to select my seed in the spring provided the corn was well dried before storing and was stored before hard freezing weather set in, than to trust to seed from a distance and thus get seed from a variety of corn not known and tested in my locality.

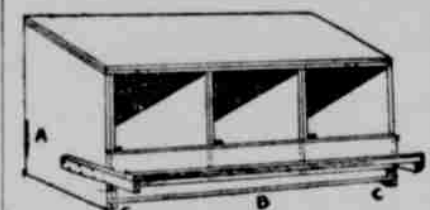
As to barrenness Professor Hunt in his "Cereals in America" says: "A varying percentage of the stalks of the field are barren, do not bear any ears. The percentage of barren stalks on a given soil varies with the thickness of planting and the season. Barrenness does not seem to be a variety characteristic. It seems to be largely the result of environment. If it were a hereditary characteristic the fact that the stalks are barren would tend to eliminate them."

Would it not be a good plan to observe along the line of barrenness next summer when the corn is cutting rather than to take it for granted that barrenness is an hereditary characteristic that can be overcome or controlled only by years of painstaking breeding?

Sanitary Hens' Nests.

The hens' nests shown herewith are easily kept clean and sanitary, writes a correspondent of the Orange Judd Farmer. Foot wide boards are best to use in its construction, excepting the covering board, which should be four inches wide, or two boards that total fourteen inches.

The board b, that forms the bottom of the nest, is made so it can slide out and in, drawer fashion. It is supported by two cleats, c, c, one each nailed to the lower ends of the upright end boards. These end boards are made two and one-half inches longer than the partitions. Thus the lower ends of the partitions are just above



NESTS CAN BE EASILY CLEANED.

the bottom board. When the bottom board is drawn out the nests are bottomless, making them free from horse manure and dirt. The upright end boards and partitions are sawed off angling, so the covering board when nailed on will have sufficient slope to let a hen that attempts to roost on top slide off.

A board about five inches wide is nailed on in front to keep the nest material in the nests. In front a 1 by 2 inch lath is fastened on, perch-like, so as to be about five inches from the nests and two inches above the level of the sliding bottom. The use of the lath is that a hen may walk on it until she comes to a vacant nest.

Contagious Ophthalmia.

The disease is due to a specific germ, says Kimball's Dairy Farmer. Isolate the affected animals in a darkened stable and feed them light, laxative rations. Twice daily bathe the eyes with a 10 per cent solution of boric acid applied each time with a fresh swab of absorbent cotton. Every other day dust the eyeballs with a mixture of finely powdered calomel and boric acid. Substitute iodoform for calomel in the worst cases. After inflammation subsides wet the eyeball once daily with a solution of two grains of nitrate of silver in an ounce of distilled water. To be kept in a blue glass bottle to prevent chemical changes. The latter treatment is for opacity of the eyeball. Keep the cattle off low wet pastures. Clean up, disinfect and whitewash the stables, fences and feeding racks and troughs.

A Flood of Wine.

The Argentinians are a wine-drinking nation. The natives are of Spanish descent and are accustomed to having wine with their meals. The immigrants, who have come in by the millions and who form perhaps one-half of the population, are mostly Italians and Spaniards, all of whom drink wine every day. All of the small Italian farmers have their own wine supply and every one who can afford it lays in a number of casks for his own use.

Wanted and For Sale

Advertisements under this head will be charged five cents per line for each issue.

FOR SALE:—One B Flat, Ebonite, C. G. Conn make Clarinet, with case, nearly new. Inquire Howard C. Lake, 323 Elm Ave. adv

GASOLINE ENGINES—Two, for sale cheap. Inquire at Luchini's Fruit Store, Alma. 1883-tf

Garden Plowed—If you want your garden plowed call Roy Burrell, Union phone 18. 220 Prospect Ave. 1883-tf

FOR SALE:—We are making a specialty of hanging baskets and porch boxes, plants of all kinds. Do well to look them up at the East Side Greenhouse, 716 E. Superior St., Bell Phone 309. 1886-t2

For Sale—House and Lot, nicely located and in good condition. Will sell cheap and on easy terms. Enquire at the Record office.

Wanted: Girls for work in pickle department, steady employment. Libby McNeill and Libby. 1886-t1

For Sale: A choice residence lot on a good street. Will sell reasonable. Enquire of Burt, Sharrar and Moore. 1886-tf

For Sale: \$350 Auto. A 1914 Roadster used eight months with electric starter and lights. Cost \$620 last year and is in good condition. It is a 4 cylinder, 22 h.p. This is a bargain. Call at Arcadia Hotel or address H. A. Glossop, Alma. 1886-t2p.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The ladies of the Civil Improvement League at the beginning of the sprinkling season, wish to thank all their loyal patrons and at the same time ask a renewed interest in a cause that should be common as the sprinkling fund will be used for a public benefit. Because there are more paved streets to be sprinkled, the ladies are compelled to add a second sprinkler which doubles the expense. Please, help the League by meeting the collector with a ready response. In case your sprinkling is discontinued without notice, you may know your block has not paid expenses.

ORGANIZE S. S. IN ALMA

A Sunday School was organized May 2nd, at the Eckert school house. A large number were present, which gave promise of a successful school. The officers elected were Supt. Mr. J. H. Allis, Assistant Supt. Leland Youngs, Secretary Bertha Waber, Treasurer Mrs. Geo. Irish. Classes will be arranged and teachers appointed at the next meeting. It was voted to have the sessions at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Skinner and Mr. McFadden gave able assistance in arranging the school for which thanks are due. The International lessons will be used.

SALOONS OF TERRE HAUTE CENTER OF CORRUPTION.
DECLARED JUDGE ANDERSON

In pronouncing sentence on over 100 men, including the mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., for conspiracy in election frauds, Judge Anderson of the United States District Court passed sentence as well on John Barleycorn. He said:

"My notion is that the saloon will have to go. I believe that the time will come when the people will rise up and smash the saloon, at least as we have it now. The evidence in this case showed that the saloons were the center of nearly all the corruption in the election at Terre Haute."

BREWERY BOSSES ORDER SALOONS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

The brewers of New York City have issued an edict that the saloons controlled by them shall close on Sunday. This does not, however, necessarily indicate a change of heart on the part of the manufacturers of beer. The explanation of the order is given in a brewer's circular which reads as follows: "The activity of the so-called religionists in a near-by city is attracting considerable attention, and the influence of the liquor interests in this state depends on how you conduct your place on Sunday."

As a few leading brewers hold chattel mortgages on eighty-five per cent of the saloons, they control the majority of them.

Where Life's Span Is but a Day.

It has been computed that the day of life lives twenty-four hours, the May fly six weeks, the butterfly two months, the ant, the cricket and the bee a year each, the hare and sheep six to ten years, the wolf twelve, fifteen years, the canary bird fifty to twenty years, the dog lives fifteen to twenty years, cattle twenty-five years, the horse twenty-five to thirty years, the eagle thirty years, the stag thirty-five to forty years, heron, lion and bear fifty years each, the raven eighty years, elephant, turtle, parrot, pike and carp one hundred years each.

ESTATE OF MARY A. MORSE

Heating Claims
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 4th day of May, 1915.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the matter of the Estate of MARY A. MORSE, Deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and James G. Kress of Alma, Michigan appointed Executor thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Saturday the 4th day of September, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

J. Lee Potts
Judge of Probate

A true copy.
Belle Jenne
Clerk of Probate.
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